

DEER HOLLOW FARM



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City of Mountain View Recreation Division

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Farm & Garden- Kindergarten

During the Farm and Garden class kindergarten students learn about farm products on a two-hour tour of Deer Hollow Farm. Children will have the opportunity to visit the livestock and discover the food and clothing they provide. The Farm is home to a cow, chickens, ducks, geese, rabbits, goats, sheep, and pigs. In the garden, students can sample roots, stems, and leaves from farm-grown vegetables and understand the importance of composting. Seasonal goat or cow milking demonstrations emphasize the importance of the Farmer's responsibilities.

Fleece & Milk- First Grade

First grade students are offered an in-depth look at the food and products that are made by sheep, goats and cows, such as wool, milk, and meat. During the 2-½- hour class children circulate through activity stations focusing on dying wool, tasting goat's milk, carding wool, sheep shearing, visiting sheep and goats, and spinning and weaving wool. Seasonal goat or cow milking demonstrations may also be available.

Life Sciences Hike- Second to Fourth Grade

We make Life Sciences fun! Join us on a hike through the 3,800-acre Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve surrounding Deer Hollow Farm. Through exploration and hands-on activities, students will learn about the adaptations and life cycles of the Preserve plants and wildlife as they pass through a variety of habitats, including grassland, oak woodland, riparian/bay woodland, and chaparral. This three-hour class places strong emphasis on stewardship of the environment and our relationship to the natural world. It also satisfies the California State Standards in Life Sciences for second to fourth grade.

Ohlone Habitat- Third Grade

The Ohlone Habitat class is a unique opportunity for third grade students to discover the culture and history of the Ohlone people who lived in the Bay Area for thousands of years. During the three- hour class, students will visit a replica Ohlone Village and learn about Ohlone daily activities such as acorn pounding, weapon making, and games. A hike through the surrounding Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve will introduce students to the native plants and animals the Ohlone used for food, medicine and tools.

Ohlone Village- Fourth Grade

During the four-hour Ohlone Village class, students will spend the majority of the class participating in daily activities of the Ohlone people in a replica Ohlone Village. Activities include; acorn pounding, cooking, basket making, weapon making, pump drills and Ohlone games. They also will explore structures in the Village, including a sweat lodge, sleeping house, and shade shelter. A short hike through the surrounding Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve will introduce students to the native plants and animals that the Ohlone used for food, medicine and tools.